

## **870.114-2**

### **870.114-2 Background.**

Exposure to asbestos is associated with chronic and debilitating lung disease and cancer. To reduce the health hazard related to the exposure to asbestos, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Labor (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) have issued specific regulations on asbestos. Although these regulations do not call for a complete ban on the use of asbestos, they do impose strict requirements on its use, airborne contamination and disposal.

### **870.114-3 Approving authority.**

Asbestos products and equipment or materials containing asbestos products shall not be specified nor purchased for use in the Department of Veterans Affairs if any suitable substitutes are available. If suitable substitutes are not available, specific authorization to purchase and use asbestos products and equipment or materials specifying asbestos products, must be granted by the Secretary or designee. Requests for authorization will be submitted through the Director, Network Program Support (10NB). The following information will be provided:

(a) The name of the product, source of supply, and physical form of asbestos as used in the product or equipment;

(b) A description of use, including purpose, urgency, methodology, qualities, and by whom; and

(c) Safeguards being employed, with particular emphasis on the identification of the asbestos products, and procedures to be taken to prevent airborne contamination and disposal.

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### **870.114-4 Exempted products containing asbestos.**

The Director, Network Program Support (10NB), VA Central Office, is responsible for maintaining a list of products containing asbestos which are

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exempted by the Secretary or designee from this policy.

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### **870.115 Food service equipment.**

(a) All new food service equipment purchased for Nutrition and Food Service through other than the Defense General Supply Center (DGSC) sources must meet requirements set forth by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF).

(b) The contracting officer will accept an affixed NSF label and/or documentation of the certification by NSF from the contractor as evidence that the subject equipment meets sanitation standards issued by the Foundation.

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